



# Fadden counts: is 40-years-old



# \$1 million fraud involving mines alleged locally

M. Val Miller, an Orem attorney, pleaded 'no contest' to two counts of sale of an unregistered security in Fourth District Court Friday.

The case was continued to July 23 and was referred to the probation office for a pre-sentence hearing.

Miller and his half-brother, Dwayne C. Watson, also of Orem, faces charges on 45 different counts involving theft, securities fraud and sale of an unregistered security.

Watson is scheduled to plead to the same charges next week.

According to court documents,

the two men were partners in the ownership and purchase on contract of gold mining claims, generally known as the Buckhorn claims, in Yavapai County, Ariz.

Between June, 1981 and September, 1983 approximately 91 people invested approximately \$1.1 million to purchase limited partnership shares in the defendants' firm.

The plaintiff, the state of Utah, alleges the two men exercised unauthorized control over certain of the monies and also falsely represented facts to potential investors. All of the investors lost their principal.

# Chemical spill draws continued 'caution'

The Utah County Health Department is continuing to caution those living near the Trojan Corp. to be careful with water from

miles of Trojan. There are only about 54 private wells in that region and that includes those which